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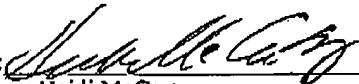
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 16 August 2005, said period of response being extended from 16 September 2005 to 16 December 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-3478 in the amount of \$1020.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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